

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A conventional bedding mattress having illumination properties when a source of light is placed underneath the mattress, comprising:

an inner core comprising a plurality of identical, interconnected coil springs each having a top and a bottom end, which when interconnected together, form a unitary top, bottom and sides of said mattress;

a translucent layer of elastomeric netting superimposed over said top end of said inner core so as to enclose said top ends of said coil springs, said netting secured to said inner core;

an unsecured padding layer comprised of compressed polyester superimposed over said elastomeric netting layer, wherein said unsecured padding layer permits individual movement of the top ends of the coil springs relative to each other and wherein said padding layer is translucent; and

a covering for enclosing said padding layer and said core of springs, said covering comprised of a top and a bottom panel, wherein said bottom panel is a clear vinyl material and said top panel is a fabric, said covering being translucent, wherein when said light source is placed underneath said mattress, light from said source illuminates upwardly through said mattress to illuminate said top panel of said covering.

2. (Original) The bedding mattress of Claim 1, wherein said top part of said covering is enveloped about said top and sides of said core and said bottom part is disposed over said bottom side of said core.

3. (Original) The bedding mattress of Claim 2, wherein said top part of said covering is comprised of three component layers, said outermost component layer is a fabric material, said intermediate component layer is a second padding layer of the same material as said unsecured padding layer and said bottom component layer is a ticking material.

4. (Original) The bedding mattress of Claim 1, wherein said netting layer includes a plurality of spaced tabs for securing said netting to said core.

5. (Deleted) The bedding mattress of Claim 1, wherein said padding layer is comprised of compressed polyester.

6. (Original) The bedding mattress of Claim 3, wherein said intermediate component layer is comprised of compressed polyester.

7. (Original) The conventional mattress of Claim 1, wherein said coil springs of said core are interconnected by securing elements attached to adjacent springs.

8. (Currently amended) A method of constructing a conventional bedding mattress having illumination properties, comprising the steps of:

providing a core of interconnected coil springs, wherein said core has a top, a bottom, and sides;

securing a netting layer on said top of said core;

placing a translucent compressed polyester padding layer on top of said netting layer;

enveloping a covering about said core, netting layer and padding layer, wherein said covering is translucent, and comprised of a top and a bottom panel, said bottom panel is a clear vinyl material and said top panel is a fabric, wherein when a light source is placed underneath said mattress, said mattress is adapted such that light from said source illuminates upwardly through said mattress to illuminate said top panel of said covering.